



JUNE 2007

Disability Resource to the Entertainment Industry

M.A.O. Member Appearances

MAO MEMBERS AND OTHER KNOWN PWDs WHO ARE TELEVISION SERIES REGULARS/RECURRING

- **Tracy Ashton (AL)**
As Didi - "My Name is Earl" - NBC
- **Peter Dinklage (LP)**
As Marlowe Sawyer - "Nip/Tuck" - FX
- **Meredith Eaton Gilden (LP)**
As Bethany Horowitz - "Boston Legal" - ABC
- **Robert David Hall (AL)**
As Coroner Dr. Robbins - "CSI" - CBS
- **Mitch Longley (WU)**
As Mitch - "Las Vegas" - NBC
- **Shoshannah Stern (D)**
As Bonnie Richmond - "Jericho" - CBS
As Megan Graves - "Weeds" - Showtime
- **Marcus A. York (WU)**
As Billy Merchant - "The Office" - NBC

THEATRE APPEARANCES

Toby Forrest (WU) - actor
'Pyretown' – play by John Belluso
June 9 -July 8
Studio/Stage, 520 North Western Ave., L.A.
For tix: 213-627-4473

Lynn Manning (B) – actor/playwright
WEIGHTS (One Blind Man's Journey)
Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 7 p.m.
Zephyr Theatre, 7456 Melrose Ave., L.A.
For tix: 213-500-4034.

Please note: We would like to have your performances appear in the MAO newsletter in a timely fashion. Please e-mail DGordy@edd.ca.gov by the third week of the month prior to your scheduled appearance. **Include date, time, place, contact and ticket information, as applicable, and the nature of your disability please, as per the format above.**

- **Geri Jewell (CP)** is featured in the episode of HBO's Deadwood sent in for Emmy Award consideration, and was entered in the "Guest Actress" category.
- **Natasha Wood (WU)** performed her own one-woman show Rolling With Laughter at the El Portal Theatre in N. Hollywood in April & May.
- **Pamela Jansen (MI)** appeared on the TV soap General Hospital, which shot on May 11.
- **Robert David Hall (AL), Lynn Manning (B), Ann Stocking (MI), & Jim Troesh (WU)** performed excerpts from Beyond Victims and Villains at the L.A. Central Library on May 30.
- **Dale Albright (O)** directed an acclaimed production of Torch Song Trilogy for theatre q that played in Walnut Creek in May.
- **William S. Huntley, III (LP)** is featured in Disney's feature film Enchanted, to be released in November. He is also featured in Fur [along with **Maria Telesca (LP)**], released on DVD in May.
- **Toby Forrest (WU)** sang with his band City Zen at Prince O'Whales in Playa del Rey on May 16.
- **Kitania "Kitty" Kavey (VI/O)**, won first place in the 2007 Oklahoma City deadCENTER Film Festival screenplay competition.
- **Max Kerstein's (MI/HI/VI)** play exploring disability, The Cane Mutiny, is available for reading by contacting him at: maxkerstein@hotmail.com, or at 310-927-8556.
- Paved with Good Intentions, a film featuring MAO acting instructor **David Zimmerman**, will be shown at the Hollywood & San Francisco Black Film Festivals on June 9 & 10.

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Special Notice: It is with great sorrow that we report the passing of long-time MAO member, comedian **Fred Burns (MI)**, this past month. Fred was a fixture in comedy clubs for many years, had a featured role in the film *Stuck On You*, and emceed several of the MAO Comedy Competitions. He will be missed.

CBS DIVERSITY INSTITUTE WRITERS MENTORING PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted for the fifth session of the CBS Diversity Institute's Writers Mentoring Program. The submission period ends June 1. The program helps aspiring writers to break in & move up in the business. Each participant is matched with two mentors with whom they meet regularly for advice & support on improving their writing skills, as well as career advice & guidance. The primary focus of the program is to provide access & networking opportunities for talented & motivated diverse writers – with a focus on writers of color. The program is based in L.A. It begins in October 2007 & runs through the end of May 2008. The program is not employment & there is no monetary compensation. It is rather, a structured program of career development, support, & personal access to executives & decision-making processes; with the goal of preparing aspiring writers for later employment opportunities in television. Info: www.cbscorporation.com/diversity/cbs_network/index.php.

SUPERFEST International Disability Film Festival

The 27th Annual SUPERFEST International Disability Film Festival will take place on Sat., June 2, from noon - 5 pm and Sun., June 3, from 2 - 7 pm at Gaia Arts Center, 2120 Allston Way, in Berkeley, CA. Tickets are \$5 - \$20 per day, sliding scale, and will be sold at the door. A 'Meet the Makers' Reception will take place on Sat., June 2, from 6 - 7 pm, followed by an awards ceremony from 7 - 9 pm, both of which are free and open to the public. The venue is wheelchair accessible. All films will be audio described live and some are captioned; check the screening schedule. For more information, please visit www.culturedisabilitytalent.org or call the CDT voice mailbox at 510-845-5576.

M.A.O. ON-GOING CLASSES

June 7 – “New Client Orientation” – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
June 12 – “Resume Workshop” – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Once-a-Month Acting Class with David Zimmerman
– Date and time TBA

All three classes take place at the Glendale Verdugo Jobs Center. Call Gloria to sign-up.

ONGOING ACTING CLASS

David Zimmerman's acting class is beginning new sessions in June, featuring cold readings, scene work, improv & special guests. Weekly classes are from 1–5 p.m. or 6:30–10:30 p.m. at Avery Schreiber Theatre, 11050 Magnolia Blvd. North Hollywood. Space is limited. For information, call David at 323-868-9913, or email him at manager@Davidzimmerman.biz.

Abilities Expo/Southern California

Abilities Expo/Southern California dedicated to educating & improving the lives of people with disabilities, takes place June 15 – 17 at Long Beach Convention Center. For info & registration: <http://soc.abilitiesexpo.com/iaesoc/v42/index.cvn>.

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| ■ AL - Leg Amputee | ■ LP - Little Person |
| ■ B - Blind | ■ MI - Mobility Impaired |
| ■ CP - Cerebral Palsy | ■ O - Other |
| ■ D - Deaf | ■ PWD - Performer with Disability |
| ■ DD - Devel. Disability | ■ VI - Visually Impaired |
| ■ Ds - Down syndrome | ■ WU - Wheelchair User |
| ■ HI - Hearing Impaired | |
| ■ ID - Invisible Disability | |

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